



Series: A Thrill of Hope

Sermon: Part 4: My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

Date: Sunday, December 22nd, 2024

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Luke 2:21-35

*“Here is My Servant [Jesus], whom I uphold, My chosen One in whom I delight; I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on Earth. In His teaching the islands will put their hope.”
(Isaiah 42:1-4)*

First Century Jewish Ceremonies After Birth

- 1. Circumcision**
- 2. Redemption of the firstborn**
- 3. The purification of the mother**

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. (Psalm 51:5)

“God made Him [Jesus] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The Jewish people had been looking for consolation and _____.

To console means to alleviate someone’s grief and to take away their trouble.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. (Isaiah 40:1-2)

This _____ would begin with Israel but would extend beyond Israel to the ends of the Earth.

This Child would destroy the dividing wall between the two people groups and this Messiah would make the two into one.

Jesus would bring _____ freedom and would create an avenue where humanity could experience forgiveness for our sin and reconciliation with God.



“My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning. My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body. I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart.”
(Psalm 38:4-8)

People will either totally follow this Savior or totally reject this Savior.

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. (2 Corinthians 2:15-16)

“I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.”
(John 8:12)

For those who want God in their lives, He will light the way towards the abundant and everlasting life. For those who want to stay in their darkness and sin, then for them, the Light is not good.

Those who embrace the Light will find life and live in truth and _____.

Those who reject the Light will stay in their darkness and _____.

The same Savior that brings salvation to those that receive Him, will also bring judgment to those that reject Him.

Following Jesus leads to life and intimacy with God and rejection of Jesus always leads to our falling, our despair, and even our own spiritual death.

Bottom Line: *All who trust in this Savior will experience hope and consolation.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *What hope and comfort are you waiting for today?*
2. *What is your response to Jesus? Will He cause your rising or your falling?*
3. *What are the barriers that prevent you from totally surrendering to Him as your Savior?*

Songs used in service: Holy Forever (Chris Tomlin), Behold The Lamb (Passion & Kristian Stanfill), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm), Hark The Herald Angels Sing (Charles Wesley)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?